

**SUBJECT:** Minimum Size of Total Vent Area

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**INTERPRETATION NUMBER:** ADM – 2.0904.1(2)

**SEE ALSO:** 2006 UPC – Section 904.1(2)

### **INTERPRETATION SUMMARY**

This section of the UPC states that the drainage piping of each building shall be vented by means of one or more vent pipes, the aggregate cross-sectional area of which shall not be less than that of the largest required building sewer, as determined from Table 7-5. It is our interpretation that the required size shall mean the required size as determined by fixture load, and not by slope. If a sewer drain line is increased from 3" to 4" for the sole purpose of reducing the minimum slope from  $\frac{1}{4}$ " to  $\frac{1}{8}$ ", the total vent area will only be required to serve the 3" size.